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director's notes

Anniversaries promote reflection. During the Center's fifteenth year on Union Bay, we should all stand back and assess the big picture. In doing so, we can point with pride to our many alumni who manage urban environments across the country and even in Asia; to improved practice in urban forestry, reflecting themes we have championed over the years; to new and maturing gardens at both Union Bay and Washington Park Arboretum, with even greater promise for the future; and to thousands of visitors whose lives are enriched by their time here.

To say a heartfelt "Thank you!" to all of you who make the Center successful, we are throwing a two-day Open House celebration, an opportunity for you to see parts of the Center that are usually hidden from view. What research goes on in the laboratories, greenhouses, and grounds, and how will it benefit society? How does new technology assist the age-old endeavor of gardening? What does the future hold? Come join us on May 7 and 8 and find out. We'll love to see you there!

Clement Hamilton, Director
Center for Urban Horticulture

CUH OPEN HOUSE

Dates & Times: **Friday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Help us celebrate the 15th Anniversary of CUH's founding at our FREE Open House. Stay as long as you like. Refreshments provided. No pre-registration required, seating at lectures is on a first-come basis. Call the Center at (206) 685-8033 for more details.

Events will include:
- Garden and Greenhouse Tours
- Exhibits and Displays
- Talks on Current Projects and Activities at CUH
- Library Electronic Show and Tell
- Hands-on Projects for Kids of All Ages
- Laboratory Tours
- Master Gardener Clinic

Special lectures:

What's New at CUH, talk by Dr. Clement Hamilton, Friday and Saturday, from 10 to 11 a.m. each day

Research Showcase, faculty and student presentations coordinated by Dr. Kern Ewing, Friday, from 3 to 5 p.m.

In Our Gardens, CUH staff share slides of their own private gardens, Saturday, from 11 a.m. to Noon

Designing a Garden for Wildlife, slide lecture by Flora Johnson Skelly, wildlife writer for Northwest Garden News, Saturday, from 1 to 2 p.m.

construction demonstrations

Garden Carpentry Skills for Beginners

Date & Time: Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to Noon
Instructor: Tom Penticoff, Owner, Gardenview Landscaping
Location: Greenhouse, Washington Park Arboretum
Fee: $25 general public, $23 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required, class size limited

Learn all the basics for doing your own garden carpentry work. Study the variety of woods available and where and how to purchase them and assess their suitability for different projects. Review the range of carpentry tools normally needed and practice using them safely. Learn about screws, nails, glues and other fasteners and how and when to use which. Come prepared to participate in this introductory level course.

The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Garden Lighting

Date & Time: Saturday, June 26, from 9 a.m. to Noon
Instructor: Bill Nelson, The Lighting Agency Northwest
Location: Isaacson Classroom, CUH Union Bay
Fee: $25 general public, $23 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required, class size limited

Create beautiful effects and provide additional security to your home landscape with do-it-yourself lighting. You will learn how to design for special effects, where and what to buy, and how to assemble components easily and safely. Course is designed for beginners.

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18 **2:30pm**, UB
Cactus Society

10am, UB
Master Gardener Plant Sale

25 **10am**
Arboretum Foundation Plant Sale

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African Violet Sale

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22 **7:30pm, UB***
Annuals & Tender Perennials

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Snoqualmie District Garden Clubs Flower Show

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TREEmendous Seattle

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Rain Forest Conservation with Mark Plotkin

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Storyvine

10 **7am, WPA***
Breakfast with Birds

9am, WPA*
Arboretum Plant Study

9am, UB*
Natural Area Breakfast & Celebration

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youth & family programs

Storyvine

Wake up to the wonders of nature! Join storyteller Rose Fitzpatrick for these stories of the mysteries of Spring and the magical world of plants and animals.

Dates & Times: Saturdays, April 3 & May 8, from 11 a.m. to Noon
Location: Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum (WPA)
Fee: FREE, but pre-registration required; call (206) 543-8800/8801

Arboretum Adventures

These programs provide children ages 6-12 the opportunity to explore the natural world through interactive tours and hands-on art and science activities.

Dates & Times: Sundays, March 21, April 18, May, 16, from 3 to 4 p.m.
Location: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: FREE, but pre-registration required; call (206) 543-8800/8801

Arboretum Explorer Packs

Lead your own group or family on an exploration of the Arboretum. Packs are filled with field guides, magnifying lenses, and activity ideas to help you learn more about the plants, animals, and habitats found in the Arboretum.

Topics: Marsh Madness; Tree-tective
Dates & Times: Two-hour rentals available between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., 7 days a week, year-round
Fees: $15 per pack for groups of seven or more, $5 per pack for groups of six or fewer, FREE to Arboretum Foundation member families; pre-registration and two weeks advance notice required

Saplings School Program Tours

Tours are offered Monday-Friday. Maximum of 60 students. All tours begin at 10 a.m. Cost is $10 per 15 students or fewer. Scholarships are available. Limited number of slots available.

Grades K-2: Discover Plants

Plants and people... more alike than you think! This program will introduce younger students to the wonderful world of plants. By exploring the Arboretum, children will observe the colors, shapes, sounds, and smells around them as they learn what plants need to grow and be healthy.

Grades 3-6: The Life Cycle of A Plant: Spring Sprouts (April & May only)

What is the reason for a flower? Discover the secrets of springtime as you learn about the life cycle of plants. Follow the path from flower to fruit, and perpetuate the cycle by planting seeds of your own to take home.

Grades 3-8: Plants and People of the Northwest

What is a native plant? How have these plants been used in the past and how are they used now? Students will learn to identify several Northwest native plants and discover their past and present importance.

Grades K-8: Wetland Ecology Walk

Explore the complex world of a wetland ecosystem. Foster Island provides a unique opportunity for students to study an urban wetland up close and discover the importance of these natural systems.

UW Arbor Day Fair

Experience the TREEmendous Forest Story designed for children grades K-3. Enjoy the CUH/WPA activity booth. Participate in projects and games presented by the College of Forest Resources faculty, staff and students. Join us for this fun, annual event!

Date & Time: Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: U. of Washington Anderson Hall Courtyard
Fee: FREE; for more information contact Ellen McKinley at (206) 685-4485, ext. 215

walks & tours

Celebrate Mother's Day

Celebrate the wonders of Spring with your favorite mom at the Washington Park Arboretum on Sunday, May 9, for Mother's Day! Special TOURS and TREATS will be provided to help make this day a memorable one. Call Julie DeBarr at (206) 543-8801 for more details.

Guided Tours of the Arboretum

Explore the Arboretum's unique Winter Garden, where grasses, barks, berries and flowers enliven even the darkest winter days. Encourage your club, senior center, community center or organization to sign up for one of these 60 to 90 minute walks.

Topics: Seasonal Interest; Foster Island Ecology; Native Plants & Ethnobotany
Dates & Times: Guided hikes are available between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., 7 days a week, year-round
Fees: $15 per 15 general public adults, $10 per 15 Arboretum Foundation members
Contact: Call 543-8800 to reserve a guide; three weeks advance reservation required

Free Guided Arboretum Walks

Every Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m., FREE public tours depart from the Graham Visitors Center in the Arboretum. Walks highlight areas and collections of seasonal interest. Walks are not offered on holidays.

Tour: GARDENS & VILLAS OF ITALY

There are still a few spots available for this May 16-28 journey to visit and study some of the most beautiful and famous gardens and villas in the world. Fine examples of 16th- through 20th-century garden design, architecture, and sculpture will be encountered as we journey from Rome into the heart of Tuscany and the fabulous city of Florence. For a brochure with complete itinerary and detailed descriptions of each site, plus costs and sign-up information, please contact Dave Stockdale or Jean Robins at the Center at (206) 685-8033.

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Botanical Illustration

Dates & Times: Eight-part course; Wednesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. each night
Instructor: Louise Smith, Botanical Illustrator
Location: Douglas Classroom, CUH Union Bay
Fee: $160; pre-registration required

This introductory level course will focus on developing accurate pencil drawing and wash and dry brush techniques. Course includes homework. Students should bring drawing paper and pencil only to first class; an additional materials list will be provided at the first class, and students will be given the opportunity to purchase those items from the instructor (around $40) or independently (approximately $80-$100).

Great Vines for the Northwest

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 13, from 7 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Pat Roome, Landscape Designer
Location: Douglas Classroom, CUH Union Bay
Fee: $14 general public, $13 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

Vines can be used in many beautiful, creative ways in the landscape: cascading over walls, threading upward through trees, filling a blank wall on a trellis. Learn about the many deciduous and evergreen vines that will grow well in our region and how to care for them in this introductory level slide lecture course.

SPECIAL LECTURE: Rain Forest Conservation and the Search for New Jungle Medicines

Date & Time: Friday, April 16, from 7 to 8 p.m.
Instructor: Dr. Mark Plotkin, Executive Director, Amazon Conservation Team and Research Associate, Smithsonian Institute
Location: REI Auditorium
Fee: $12 general public, $10 Woodland Park Zoological Society members & Students; pre-registration required, seating limited
To Register: Registration is being handled by REI; please call them at (206) 223-1944 and ask for Customer Service

CUH is pleased to cosponsor this very special lecture by famed ethnobotanist and author Mark Plotkin during the ZOObotanica celebration at the Woodland Park Zoo . He has studied the uses of medicinal plants among the forest peoples of the Northern Amazon for over a decade, and in this exciting lecture he will share his fascinating account of his personal search for new natural products, his amazing encounters with native peoples, and his efforts to conserve their fragile rain forest environments.

Cool Annuals & Tender Perennials for the Garden

Date & Time: Thursday, April 22, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Richard Hartlage, Director/Curator, Miller Botanical Garden
Location: Douglas Classroom, CUH Union Bay
Fee: $10; pre-registration required

Join us for this colorful slide lecture exploring the use of annuals and tender perennials in the garden for creating exciting seasonal displays. Learn how to use these plants effectively in pots, bedding schemes or mixed into existing borders.

Small Tree Identification

Dates & Times: Three-part course; Thursday, May 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays, May 15 & 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day
Instructor: Scott Conner, Consultant, Conner Enterprises
Location: Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum
Fee: $45 general public, $42 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

There are many beautiful small trees appropriate for diminutive urban gardens. Learn to recognize these favorites and discuss their placement and care in the landscape. This introductory level course includes both slide lectures and field identification sessions in locations around Seattle.

Spring Perennial Plant Identification

Dates & Times: Two-part course; Saturdays, June 5 & 26, from 10 a.m. to Noon each day
Instructor: Michaela Groeblacher, Landscape Designer
Location: Soest Herbaceous Display Garden, CUH Union Bay
Fee: $35, includes booklet on all plants in the display garden; pre-registration required

There are wonderful perennial plants available for almost any set of conditions in your garden. Learn to identify the possibilities by getting to know perennials and their placement and use in the home garden in this introductory level field study class. Plants will be discussed in their seasons of greatest interest; an additional session in September will cover later-blooming perennials.

Drip Irrigation Made Easy

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 16, from 7 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Howard Stenn, Stenn Design
Location: Douglas Classroom, CUH Union Bay
Fee: FREE, although pre-registration is required because seating is limited. Costs for this program have been underwritten by the Seattle Public Utilities and your local water utility.

Discover how to design and use a drip irrigation system appropriate to your unique garden beds in this hands-on program. Examine drip components and learn how they are assembled, where to buy them, and what to avoid. Learn to use your drip irrigation system in an economical manner.

Tufa Time

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 22, from 7 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Dave Stockdale, CUH Education Coordinator
Location: Greenhouse, Washington Park Arboretum
Fee: $25 general public, $23 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

Experience firsthand the fun (and mess!) of creating your own simulated stone container with the peat-cement mixture known as hypertufa. Every student will leave with their own creation and the confidence to construct more containers at home. All materials provided. Wear old clothes.

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WSU Practical Gardening Lectures

These entry level lectures and demonstrations for beginning gardeners are planned jointly with the WSU Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program, and are presented by experienced WSU Master Gardeners and Cooperative Extension staff.

Color Year-Round: Planting & Growing Everlasting Flowers

Date & Time: Thursday, April 15, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Sheila Cutler, WSU Master Gardener
Location: Douglas Classroom, CUH Union Bay
Fee: $5; pre-registration required

New Trends in Container Gardening

Date & Time: Thursday, May 20, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Sue Moss, WSU Master Gardener
Location: Douglas Classroom, CUH Union Bay
Fee: $5; pre-registration required

Choosing Perennials for your Home Garden

Date & Time: Thursday, June 17, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: WSU Master Gardener
Location: Douglas Classroom, CUH Union Bay
Fee: $5; pre-registration required

prop shop

Each section focuses on a different aspect of plant propagation and includes a discussion of the featured technique, including when and with which plants it is best used, followed by a demonstration of skills, and hands-on practice by participants whenever possible.

Softwood Cuttings

Date & Time: Thursday, June 10, from 7 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Barbara Selemon, Plant Propagator, CUH
Location: Douglas Classroom & Greenhouse, CUH Union Bay
Fee: $18 general public, $16 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required, class size limited; each participant will be taking home a number of cuttings

arboretum plant study program

Each section of this ongoing study program focuses on a different set of trees, shrubs, vines, and ground covers in the Washington Park Arboretum, and includes field work on plant identification, plus discussions of plant selection, placement, and function within the urban environment. Handouts will include complete cultural information for all the plants studied, and a map will be provided so that students can mark favorite plants for future reference or return visits.

In each section you will study **at least 20 plants** not covered in any other section during the same calendar year; over 240 plants will be covered in the **twelve sections annually**. Plants will be studied in the season of their most distinguishing characteristics (flowers, fruits, etc.).

Spring, Section A: **Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Instructor: Eric Gay, M.F.R. Student, UW Center for Urban Horticulture
Depart From: Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum (WPA)
Fee: $22 general public, $20 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required, size limited

Spring, Section B: **Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Instructor: Randall Hitchin, Collections Manager & Recorder, UW CUH-WPA
Location: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: $22 general public, $20 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required, size limited

Spring, Section C: **Saturday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Instructor: Scott Conner, Consultant Horticulturist, Conner Enterprises
Location: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: $22 general public, $20 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required, size limited

special events

GOING WILD IN THE ARBORETUM

Endangered Plants Walk

Date & Time: Saturday, March 27, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Instructor: Randall Hitchin, Collections Manager and Recorder, Washington Park Arboretum (WPA)
Location: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: $5; pre-registration preferred, or call (206) 543-8800/8801

Join us as we celebrate Endangered Species Month in the Arboretum. Learn about the issues that public gardens such as our own Washington Park Arboretum face in propagating, growing, documenting, protecting, or managing endangered plant species.

Breakfast with the Birds

Date & Time: Saturday, April 10, from 7 to 9 a.m.
Instructor: Steve Gertsle, Master Birder, Seattle Audubon Society
Location: Depart from Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: $5, includes continental breakfast; pre-registration required

Join us bright and early for a magical and educational bird walk on Foster Island. Learn to identify the many permanent and seasonal occupants of the marshes and forests and observe their habits. Afterwards, enjoy a continental breakfast in the Graham Visitors Center while discussing the morning's sightings.

Creating a Butterfly or Hummingbird Garden

Date & Time: Sunday, May 2, from 2 to 4 p.m.
Instructor: Flora Johnson Skelly, Author & Garden Designer
Location: Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum (WPA)
Fee: $15 general public, $13 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

Discover how to plant a home garden to attract and sustain butterflies, hummingbirds, and other nectar feeders. Learn which plants to use and how in this introductory slide lecture and discussion. Then move outside to explore the Signature Bed adjacent to the Graham Visitors Center- which of course has been planted to attract hummingbirds!

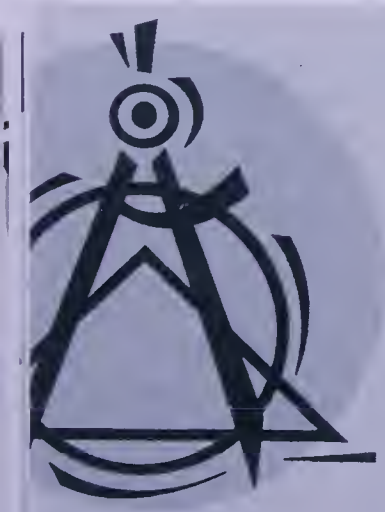
UNION BAY NATURAL AREA CELEBRATION & BREAKFAST

Date & Time: Saturday, April 10, from 9 to 11 a.m.
Location: NHS Hall, CUH Union Bay
Fee: Pre-registration preferred; $10 in advance, $15 at the door

Enjoy a pancake breakfast then explore the Center's Union Bay Natural Area to learn about wetland and prairie restoration efforts underway. View the new signs made possible in part by The Hugh and Jane Ferguson Foundation, take birdwalks with guides from the Seattle Audubon Society, and see demonstrations by CUH students involved in wetland restoration projects on site. Proceeds benefit our student project fund.

ARBORETUM SUMMER CAMP

Be on the lookout in the next issue of this newsletter for details on an exciting new special program. The Arboretum will be offering six one-week Summer Camps for grades 1-3 and grades 4-6 beginning in July. Call Julie DeBarr at (206) 543-8800/8801 for more information.



design studio

These studios provide the opportunity to problem solve with a top landscape designer. They are *not* for those individuals interested in designing their garden from scratch, but rather are for *persons working to correct or enhance existing landscapes*.

Each studio includes a brief discussion of the focus topic, followed by opportunities for each attendee to discuss their needs with the designer while the rest of the attendees listen to and participate in the problem-solving discussions that ensue. In order to enhance the studio experience, each student is asked to bring along a scale drawing of the garden area under consideration, as well as photos, illustrations or other relevant resources on the site to be discussed.

Focus on Waterwise Gardens

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 20, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Instructor: Jil Stenn, Stenn Design
Location: Douglas Classroom, CUH Union Bay
Fee: $10; pre-registration required, class size limited to 12. Costs for this program have been partially underwritten by the Seattle Public Utilities and your local water utility.

Focus on Tropical Style Gardens

Date & Time: Thursday, May 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Instructor: Ben Hammontree, Gardener
Location: Douglas Classroom, CUH Union Bay
Fee: $32; pre-registration required, class size limited to 12

arboretum foundation news

FLORAbundance: 50th Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Building 30, Sand Point. Fifty-five vendors present their finest trees, shrubs, perennials, natives, ground covers, and unusual annuals! Free parking. Proceeds benefit the Arboretum. To volunteer or for more information, call (206) 726-1954.

Early Bloomers Plant Sale

Saturday, April 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Plant Donation Department behind the Greenhouse in WPA. Good prices on a wide selection of interesting plants.

Plant Donations & Sales

Drop-in work parties every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the area behind the Greenhouse south of the Visitors Center. For more information, contact Barbara Harris at (206) 282-2220.

Member Discounts

Arboretum Foundation members enjoy a 10% discount in the Arboretum Gift Shop, discounts on selected CUH programs, and receive invitations to members-only events. Call (206) 325-4510 to join!

northwest horticultural society news

Lectures and classes, unless noted, are $5 for NHS members, students & seniors, $10 for non-members; call the NHS office at (206) 527-1794.

International Gardens Lecture

International Tour of World Class Gardens, lecture by Jerry Harpur, Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., NHS Hall, CUH.

Photography Workshop

Photographic Techniques with Jerry Harpur, workshop by Jerry Harpur, Saturday, April 17, $65 NHS members, $85 non-members.

Secrets of Master Gardeners Workshop

Secrets of Master Gardeners: Beginning with the Basics, workshop featuring Mary Robson, George Pinyuh, Ciscoe Morris, Bess Bronstein, Saturday, May 1, $35 NHS members, $45 non-members, NHS Hall, CUH.

Annual Meeting & Guest Lecture

NHS Annual Meeting followed by *Ornamental Grasses in the Landscape*, lecture by Rick Darke, Friday, May 14, 7:30 p.m., NHS Hall, CUH.

Hardy Geraniums Lecture

Hardy Geraniums- New, Nice & Nasty- A Primer, lecture by Robin Parer, Wednesday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., NHS Hall, CUH.

Mail payment and registration to:

Urban Horticulture Courses
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Seattle, Washington 98195-4115

Or you may register in person at the Union Bay campus, 3501 NE 41st St., M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., (206) 685-8033.

Please make checks payable to the University of Washington. No bank cards.

Registrations are filled in the order received. Enrollment is limited, classes fill rapidly – register early. A portion of fees may cover refreshments and speaker expenses.

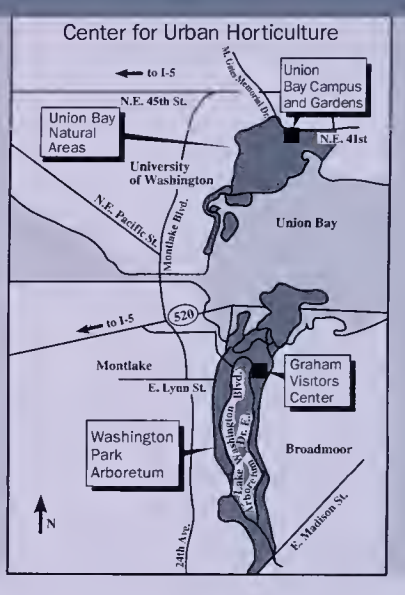
Refunds: Requests for refunds on events not attended must be made in advance in writing, by phone or fax, or in person. Requests received 7 days or less from first class meeting have a $5.00 handling fee deducted. No refunds can be given after the first class meeting.

If a program is cancelled for any reason a full refund will be given to all enrollees. Refunds may require four weeks for processing.

Returned Checks: An $18.00 service fee will be charged for returned checks.

Special Needs: To request disability accommodation, please contact the Office of the ADA Coordinator at least ten days in advance of an event: (206) 543–6450 (voice); (206) 543–6452 (TDD); or by e-mail at access@u.washington.edu.

Class Locations and Parking: Program locations are listed with each program description. The Graham Visitors Center at Washington Park Arboretum is located at 2300 Arboretum Drive East; free parking is located adjacent to the building. Douglas Classroom, NHS Hall and the other meeting facilities at Union Bay are located at 3501 NE 41st Street; prepaid parking is located adjacent to the buildings.



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program	fee	af members	# spaces	total fee
Construction Demonstrations				
Garden Carpentry Skills	$25	$23		
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Botanical Illustration	$160			
Great Vines for the Northwest	$14	$13		
Cool Annual & Tender Perennials	$10			
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Perennial Plant Identification	$35			
Drip Irrigation Made Easy	FREE			
Tufa Time	$24	$23		
WSU Practical Gardening Lectures: Growing Everlasting Flowers	$5			
WSU Practical Gardening Lectures: Trends in Container Gardening	$5			
WSU Practical Gardening Lectures: Choosing Perennials for Your Home Garden	$5			
Prop Shop				
Softwood Cuttings & Layering	$18	$16		

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Arboretum Plant Study Program				
Section A (April 10)	$20	$18		
Section B (May 8)	$20	$18		
Section C (June 12)	$20	$18		
Special Events				
Endangered Plants Walk	$5			
Breakfast with the Birds	$5			
Butterfly & Hummingbird Gardens	$15	$13		
Pancake Breakfast Celebration	$10			
Design Studio				
Focus on Waterwise Gardens	$10			
Focus on Tropical Style Gardens	$32			

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volunteer news & opportunities

Youth Volunteers Needed: Arboretum volunteers share the excitement of the natural world with 5,000 students each year. Spring is a beautiful and busy time of year and you can help us get ready! Sign up now to volunteer if you enjoy working with children, care about the environment, love working outdoors, and can donate a couple of hours each week. Training begins mid-March. Call the Arboretum Education Office at (206) 543-8800/8801 for more information.

Union Bay Natural Area Volunteers: The managers of the Union Bay Natural Area are seeking volunteers to help with plant restoration projects, remove weeds, and propagate native plant species for the Union Bay Marsh. Some projects are short-term and others require a longer commitment; hours are flexible. For information or to volunteer, contact Perry Gayaldo at (206) 685-8775 or gayaldo@u.washington.edu.

Work Parties Continue: "Tuesdays in the Garden" work parties will be held April 13 (Rock Garden), May 11 (Loderi Valley), and June 8 (Rhododendron Glen), at 12:30 p.m. each day. Contact Christina Pfeiffer at (206) 328-4182 for more information.

Front Desk Volunteers: CUH Union Bay needs volunteer receptionists for several shifts. Contact Ray Larson at (206) 616-9113 for more information.

Volunteer Orientation: Join us at our next Volunteer Orientation and explore all the possibilities of volunteering at CUH and WPA. For specifics, contact Julie DeBarr at (206) 543-8800/8801.

Ultimate Garden Auction: Attend a great party and bid on the newest plants, professionally planted containers, art, and exciting horticultural tours and services at the 4th annual Northwest Horticultural Society Auction to benefit the Miller Library. Last year auction items ranged from a selection of fragrant David Austin roses to a wine tasting and garden tour at the home of a well-known local garden designer. In the last four years, this live and silent auction has raised more than $100,000 for a library endowment. For further information and to receive an invitation, call the NHS office at (206) 527-1794. Come join with gardening friends to celebrate spring and to help ensure the future of the Miller Horticultural Library.

New Rare Book Brochure: The Miller Library has a fine collection of old and rare books, kept in climate-controlled closed stacks. Looked at mostly by researchers and graphic artists, many of these books have hand-colored illustrations and exquisite leather bindings. Because these books need extra care, and in some cases are quite fragile, this collection cannot be made available to the public except by appointment. Later this year, thanks to funding from the Miller Charitable Foundation, a brochure will be available featuring art and text from this special collection.

Magnolia Collection Renovation: Work continues on the renovation of the Arboretum's magnolia collection. Several plants have been relocated, and new specimens (including some magnolia relatives) will be added, soil improvements will be made, encroaching trees will be pruned and/or removed, and new signage added. This is another example of the type of renovation of taxonomic collections proposed in the Master Plan.

Drainage Improvements: Final schematics are being drawn for the improved drainage system to be installed in the Mulligan Sorbus Collection at WPA. Funded by the 1998 Annual Appeal of the Arboretum Foundation, this long-awaited improvement will solve the "wet feet" problem of this important collection.

New Books for Spring Gardening: Whether you are putting in a whole new garden, replanting a border, or looking for just the right shade tree, the Miller Library has new books, journals, and videos that can help. Some of the newest books available include *Color in Garden Design* by Sandra Austin, *The Plantfinder's Guide to Tender Perennials* by Ian Cooke, *80 Great Natural Habitat Plants* by Ken Druse, and *The Perfect Plant for Every Site, Habitat and Garden Style* by David Joyce and Jerry Harpur.

Master Plan Meetings: A series of four public meetings, convened under the sponsorship of the Seattle Park Board, were conducted at the end of 1998. The meetings were designed to allow additional input on the Arboretum Master Plan from all interested parties. This input, along with ideas collected at previous community meetings, was used to create the alternatives to the Plan that were released early this year. The Plan now enters the formal EIS process, which is expected to take the remainder of this year. If you want to know more about the plan, the process, or the Arboretum, please contact either Dr. John Wott at (206) 543-8801 or Dr. Clement Hamilton at (206) 543-8616.

Thanks to Donors: Many thanks to those who made winter gifts to the Center's programs, including $1500 from Lily and Bob Takatsuka, $3000 from the Starflower Foundation, $2000 from the Northwest Horticultural Society towards the Rare Plant Conservation Program, and numerous additional gifts to the Elisabeth C. Miller Library and the Rare Plant Conservation Program. In addition, several corporations and individuals have recently donated used computers for our graduate student laboratories.

Annual Fern Festival: The annual Fern Festival will be held at CUH on Friday, June 4, and Saturday, June 5. Besides its great plant sale, this event, sponsored by the Hardy Fern Foundation, will include a special lecture by leading expert Dr. W. Herb Wagner of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on *Unusual Ferns*, Friday, June 4, 7:30 p.m. For more details, call (206) 527-1794.

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